

## REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 and 8-13 are now pending in this application, with Claim 1 being the sole independent claim. Claims 1, 8, 9, and 11 have been amended herein. Claim 7 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 7 and 8 recite allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to generally incorporate the features of Claim 7, and is believed to be allowable over the citations of record. Claim 1 does not include the exact language recited in Claim 7, but rather such has been modified primarily to improve its form. Among features from Claim 7 that are not explicitly recited in Claim 1 include the feature of the second positive type photosensitive material layer forming a boundary with the coating layer. Nevertheless, Claim 1 does recite forming the discharge port reaching the second solid layer through a photolithographic process. Notwithstanding the changes, Claim 1 is now believed to be patentable over the citations of record. Accordingly, Claim 1, as well as dependent Claims 2-6 and 8-13, which depend directly or indirectly from Claim 1, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-6 and 9-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Because Claim 1 has been amended in allowable form as discussed above, the § 103 rejection is deemed moot. The foregoing actions have been taken without conceding the propriety of the rejections, but rather to expedite allowance. Favorable consideration is requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is patentably defined by independent Claim 1. Dependent Claims 2-6 and 8-13 are also allowable, in their own right, for defining features of the present invention in addition to those recited in independent Claim 1.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the objection and rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowability are requested.

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